



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Fire Department Health and Safety

1. What occupational safety standards apply to Fire Departments in Wisconsin?

[SPS 330, SPS 332, OSHA 1910, OSHA 1926](#)

2. What types of Fire Departments do the occupational safety standards apply to?

[Occupational safety standards apply to all Fire Departments having public employees. Public employees can be volunteer, paid on call, part time, or full time.](#)

3. What is the difference between a public sector fire department and a private sector fire department?

[Public Sector Fire Departments receive input and assistance from a municipality. Private Sector Fire Departments receive no input from municipalities, are organized solely as non-stock or non-profit organization, and operate under contracts with municipalities.](#)

4. Who are the Fire Department Safety and Health Inspectors/Consultants and how do I contact them?

[Inspector Map](#)

5. Who do I contact if I have a fire department safety and health complaint or concern?

[See link for Department of Safety and Professional Services. Complaint Form](#)

6. What happens when a complaint is received by DSPS?

[An Inspector will make contact with the Fire Department to investigate the concern or complaint. If a violation of a safety standard is discovered, the Fire Department will be issued orders of compliance.](#)

7. What are the injury and fatality reporting requirements?

[SPS 332.50 adopts CFR 1904.39\(a\) which requires employers to report fatalities and in-patient hospitalization of three or more employees as a result of a work-related incident within 8 hours. To report incidents call 608-266-1816 or 608-261-2503 during normal business hours or 1-800- 943-0003 after business hours.](#)

8. What happens when an injury or fatality is reported to DSPS?

[An Inspector will make contact with the Fire Department to investigate the cause of the injury. If the injury was caused by a violation of a safety standard, the Fire Department will be issued orders of compliance.](#)

9. What are some common safety violations specific to fire department safety and health?

Personal Protective Equipment Hazard Assessments and Training Respiratory Protection Program  
Annual Fit Testing and Medical Evaluation Requirements Member Assistance Referral Program  
Physical and Medical Capabilities Confined Space Rescues and Training  
Excavation/Trenching Rescues and Training Hazmat Response and Training  
Incident Command Standard Operating Guidelines and Training Training Records and Data Collection  
Systems

10. Where can I find more information on fire department safety and health standards?

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